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Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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Date of Interview: 17 May 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: All.

Identification of prior art discussed: Pagdin.

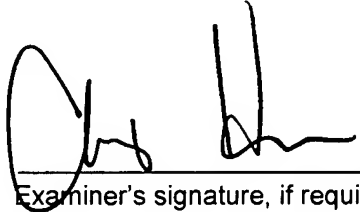
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Final Rejection of 5/9/07 was discussed. Discussion regarding the opposed clamping forces of Pagdin. The examiner reiterated the position that the element 50 acts upon the sides of the formed tier (figure 5) and therefore applies opposing clamping forces. A further claim amendment including a limitation directed towards the opposed clamping forces being exclusively sufficient to lift the group was discussed in order to differentiate over Pagdin.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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